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1052. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two indigenously built Advanced Light Helicopters had been sent to Paris for taking part in Air Show held from June 15 to 22;

(b) if so, whether India is in a position to sell this type of helicopters to other countries; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Marketing efforts are being made in overseas markets.

Efficacy of NCC training

1053. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether question has been raised in annual conference of NCC Directors about the efficacy of training being imparted to the National Cadet Corps (NCC);

(b) whether the selection of NCC Cadets in Armed Forces has come down;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the training in NCC?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The annual conference of Deputy Directors General of all States NCC Directorates was held on 3-4 April, 2003. During the conference, all aspects of training were discussed including steps to be taken to further enhance efficacy of training being imparted to NCC cadets.

(b) No, Sir. NCC certificate holders have continued to be reasonably represented in the Armed Forces.